

Farmers' Column.

"If that by the plough would thrive,
Man must either toil or starve."

Lightning Rods.

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Giving his own experience for a period of nine years, as President of the Montgomery Co. Mutual Insurance Co., he says: "Our risk are about four millions, and we have probably five hundred barns insured; a large proportion have lightning rods; and of the whole number destroyed by lightning, not one was thus protected; nor has a single building insured or uninsured, so far as has come to my knowledge, and protected with rods, been destroyed by lightning."

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Rat proof Corn Crib.

In framing, let the sleepers into the side sills, so that the top of the sleepers and sills will be level; joint your flooring, drive up tight, and nail down fast, and you have a floor that will neither lose your scattered corn, nor let in the rats and mice. Neither stone nor brick for underpinning, for the rats will certainly undermine them, and your sills settle; but use good blocks, two feet long, brought at the top of the size of sill. Use these precautions, and I will guarantee you a complete ridance from the rat tribe, if you do not let them in at the door."

A Word to Milkers. — The sage of the Ploughman says: "The milker should be on good terms with the cow. If milkers scold and kick, the cow will, most likely, return the latter; and moreover, she can not kick to advantage when her leg is in close conjunction with the milker; for the space is required between the agent and the object. The best milkers are the quickest; for there will be a flow in less than minute from the commencement of the process. Take advantage of this, and prevent its return. Milk dry; for the strippings are worth four times as much for butter as the milk that is first drawn." This is good advice. A lazy, scolding milker, will soon spoil a good cow.

Rats. — An agricultural writer estimates that every rat eats and destroys, on an average, one pint of grain, or its equivalent in other food, per week. A farmer who has been troubled with this species of vermin, calculates that, on an average, every farmer in the State of Pennsylvania, (taking that State as a sample) supports ten rats on his premises. Ten rats, at a pint each per week, would consume eight bushels of grain per year; or, taking 150,000 as the number of farmers in the State, one million two hundred thousand bushels annually to support the rats of Pennsylvania; a very considerable contribution towards the maintenance of a nuisance.

Food for Cows. — Dairymen state that, on an average, and the season through, the cream from fourteen quarts of milk is required to make pound of butter. One who feeds pumpkins to his dairy cows claims that, with this food, nine quarts of milk yield a pound of butter. Farmers and dairymen who have tried pumpkin feed, state that there is invariably a large increase in butter and cheese. As pumpkins can be raised at small expense, there is no reason why they should not become a profitable article of food for cows.

Are your Pastures Provided with Shade Trees? — If they are, well and good; if not, open the way to a strip of woods, that your stocks may have the shade when they wish; and then plant in suitable places in the pasture some of the hardier trees, which should, of course, be well protected till they grow out of the reach of the cattle.—Locusts, oaks, elms, and various other trees may be planted thus with profit. The advantages of shade to a large stock will be very great.

Cultivation of Corn. — Keep the cultivation and hoe, or corn harrow and hoe, in our corn-fields constantly from now until we lay it by, which should be when it is ripe to silk. Let no weeds grow therein, keep the soil at all times open to the influences of the sun, dew and rain. In case of drought be sure to keep the soil moist. But don't use the plow.

SPRING AND SUMMER Goods.

THE undersigned respectfully inform his friends the public at large, that he has established a splendid

NEW STORE;

in the elegant New Store, Hotel, situated in Roche, Columbia County, Pa., where he has now opened a large and choice assortment of

Spring and Summer Goods.

Which has determined to sell on such terms as will insure a fair profit in this vicinity, who are in want of more.

Stock has been selected with care and with reference to wants of the community, and without regard to cost.

He is ready to assist his friends that are trying to keep in Country Stores, can here be

procured the cheapest, and those that are

of the best quality.

For further particulars, address G. L. L. Hartman.

Bloomsburg, March 25, 1857—y.

WILSON AGER.

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MCKELVY, NEHL & CO.

HAVING just received and opened their stock of Merchandise for Spring sales, which comprises the LARGEST, CHEAPEST, and HANDSOMEST assortments ever offered in this Town. Having paid great attention to the quality of their goods, and to the price and quality, they offer themselves that they can compete with the cheapest, and all those wishing to save money, will surely give us a call.

We have a call culture purchasing elsewhere. We have bought goods at Lowest Cash Prices, and will not be exceeded by the rest of mankind.

McKELVY, NEHL & CO.

Bloomsburg, March 25, 1857.

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March 15, 1857—y.

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Improvised Power, Farmers' Tools, Grain Mills,

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Vegetable, All-Soil Hay straw and fodder Cutters, &c.

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A full supply of the premium Star Corn

Shellers, from our own Manufacture, now

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